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SQUARE.

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FAULTY PUBLIC-SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The matter of faulty construction and

bad contract work on certain public-

school buildings of the city has been re-

ceiving considerable attention of late.

Ward Trustees have been complaining of

specifications, and of a general looseness on

the part of builders. A committee appointed

to look into the matter has been taking

testimony for some weeks, and in a report

just submitted says:

The members of the Committee have given much

time to the consideration of this important subject,

and it seems apparent to them that such

defects in construction, as pipes extending but one

foot above the roof instead of three feet or more, as

provided by law; the substitution of cheap iron pipe

instead of the specified A A lead pipe in sewer

large school buildings, covering a period of several

years; the use of inferior materials in the

entire omission to supply street sewers,

although specified in every case; the failure to

protect 100 windows with iron screens in school

buildings should have been discovered by an

expert, even if every inspector in the Department

had faithfully carried out the same, or other

ward trustees had failed to call attention to them.

It is the opinion of the Committee that competent

and honest superintendence and inspection by the

ward trustees for the same would easily have

prevented the city from the gross imposition and

fraud that it has now suffered.

The evidence leading to this conclusion

on the part of the Committee is strong.

Public interest now demands that the

matter should be promptly followed up.

Responsibility for the wrongs involved

should be positively placed by means of

rigid investigation. The Committee be-

lieves that "there are sums of money

that should be recovered from the con-

tractors and that there are perhaps per-

sons who should be punished." Is not

this a plain and imperative pointing out

of the proper line of action?

NO MORE PASTING CONTESTS.

G. HENRY STRATTON, once a Cortland

hotel clerk, and more recently a dime

museum fustian, died this morning at the

Bellevue Hospital, whither he was taken

from the scene of his late effort to beat

Faster Suco's record.

While a little alcoholic indiscretion had

to do with STRATTON's final prostration the

condition into which he had brought

himself by the starvation process made

the fatal work of a false stimulant pos-

sible.

The man's death should lead to the

suppression of any other attempted ex-

hibitions such as that in which he was en-

gaged. They serve no useful purpose.

They are exceedingly frankness which

the world can wisely do without.

The City Comptroller is surprised that

the New York Central settles without a

fight the expenses of repaving about its

tracks at Hudson and Canal streets. Evi-

dently Mr. CLARK does not consider cir-

cumstances. It would be poor policy for

the railroad to give opportunity for ex-

tended public ventilation of a matter al-

ready in such great popular disfavor as

the running of its life-menacing freight

cars and dummies through west side

streets.

Gents, the social line is drawn too

tight," said Leader JOHN COLLINS, of the

"Four" District at yesterday's un-

happy meeting of the Republican County

Committee. Is this the opening of a

grand skirmish fire on the party Four

Hundred?

Gents will take his protest into court.

It will do him no good. But though he

falls of securing again the title of As-

semblyman, he can console himself with

the thought that nobody can take from

him his old title of "the Wicked."

Academy of Medicine philosophers

nobly ask "Are Corners needed?"

The officials immediately affected by the

query will hasten to answer affirmatively.

Will they venture to assert also that they

are usually to be found where they are

needed?

A woman who applied for divorce in a

Chicago Court a year ago is now applying

even more vigorously for proof that she

didn't get it. Her husband has dropped

dead and there is some insurance money.

Fifty-ton guns are now being turned

out to do the work for which 110-tonners

were lately deemed necessary in the En-

glish Navy. There is constant progress in

the breeding of dogs of war.

The great need of the farmers in Con-

vention at Indianapolis seems to be a

generous crop of harmonious ideas.

Just now the indications are that tares are

plentiful among the wheat.

Russia is massing troops on the Aus-

trian frontier. Germany is ordering shir-

tens for use in a war with Russia.

European peace is a strange quantity.

The new supply of water will save the

flame oil for three weeks, providing con-

sumers give their aid by still avoiding

waste.

No; it's Holding Up the People.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

"Holding up" a train does not make an ele-

phant railroad.

## SHARE YOUR JOY.

If Christmas Will Be Pleasant for You, Make It So for Others.

Give the Poor Children a Day of Solid Enjoyment.

Send in Your Contribution Before It Is Too Late.

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## Six Good Children.

To the Editor:

We also want to give towards gladdening

the hearts of the little ones. Enclosed find a

dollar from Lillian, Celeste, Stella, Arnold and Alvin.

## Sydney's Quarter.

Enclosed please find 25 cents for your

Christmas Tree Fund.

## That's True.

To the Editor:

I have saved 10 cents, which I send to the

Christmas Tree Fund. Every little helps.

## THE CLEANER.

I can't help thinking that Viola Greylock,

the young woman who registered at the

Grand Union Hotel, and then took, or pre-

tended to take, laudanum in the Grand Cen-

tral Station, is some enterprising young

woman, who expects to startle the com-

munity with a story of her experiences.

She is now at large, and it would not sur-

prise me to read her yarn any day. Her whole

conduct had the appearance of rehearsal.

The Sun this morning claims to have given

on Nov. 4 the closest figures on Mr. Flower's

plurality in this county. The actual plurality

is 50,000. The Sun gave 50,000. The truth

is that the Sun's figures on Nov. 4

were nearer to the actual ones. It placed

Mr. Flower's plurality at 50,127, just 27

more than the Sun. The Gleaser does not

make the correction for anything other than

an object lesson in accuracy.

That it isn't wise to spar on the reputation

of a family name is illustrated by Bill Slavin,

who has been advertising himself so exten-

sively on the strength of his brother Frank,

and who was knocked all around the ring last

night by a little unknown, and that Jack

Slavin, of the same family, wasn't in it with

a small boneless. There are cheerful things

even in the arena.

An amusing blunder is noticeable in this

week's *Frank Slavin's* pictures of the horse

show. Evidently the artist stopped away

from Madison Square Garden and drew them

from his imagination. In the frontpiece

he has depicted a horse appearing in a stall

immediately fronting the boxes, and in other

pictures inside more horses are stalled in a

circle around the arena. In reality there are

no horses stalled on the arena level this year.

They are all kept downstairs and outside ex-

cept when on exhibition in the ring. Per-

haps the artists drew from last year's recol-

lections.

There was some excitement in the Berkley,

30 Fifth avenue, on Tuesday morning by

the appearance of a bird which nobody there-

abouts owned. Some of the employees caught

it and it is now on exhibition awaiting a

claimant.

I seen the morning papers that Mr. George

W. Childs presented a \$10,000 diamond neck-

lace to Miss Lick, who was married yesterday

to Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Childs always gives with the liberality of

a prince.

Ex-Register Helly is confident that the

President will be a Democrat. Last

night he clinched his belief with a bet of

\$500, which was covered by Mr. Gordon

Conkling, a Republican from Saratoga. The

wager was made in the Morton House, and T. J.

Campbell is holding the stakes. Mr. Kelly

also bound himself to bet \$50,000, whole or

part, same conditions, with Mr. Conkling. If

Mr. Childs, of the New York staff, on this

is a good time to begin if you intend making

a book.

I was in the office of President John L. N.

Hunt when he received the congratulations

of a number of friends on his resignation as

a School Commissioner. He was first ap-

pointed by Mayor Hewitt, and his indecor-

ous now by Mayor Grant is considered a

high compliment to his ability and fitness for

the place.

SKIN GRAFTS FROM A DOG.

A Williamsburg Boy's Arm Patched

with Hide from a Hairless Pup.

A new and interesting experiment in skin-

grafting is being made in the Eastern District

Hospital, Brooklyn. The grafts are supplied

involuntarily by a hairless Japanese dog, and

seventeen-year-old Coriolanus Kani is gone

to the den of the new-woman surgeons have

performed the operation. The dog, which was

brought from the Philippines, has been

stripped from the limb like a glove.

Dr. H. H. H. of the hospital staff, on this

dog from which grafts to heal Kani's arm

are being taken, and he says the grafting is

being done with his hands, and will not

injure the dog. Kani is probably the

first to wear a dog-skin glove of this sort.

The Fodder of Our Country.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

Washington may not be thought of these

times as much as he might be, but the farm-

ers and others as they see the big crops can

help thinking of the fodder of their country

as much as they can.

He Never Told 'Em.

[From the Schenectady Union.]

The friends of Cornelius Van Dusen, a rail-

road man, were considerably surprised yester-

day to learn that he had eloped.

Copper Quoted Low in Chicago.

[From the Chicago Press.]

Is not it curious that the responsibility for

"overzeal" on the part of police

officers upon somebody more responsible than

a copper that is not worth a cent?

It's a Mistake

To consider Catarrh merely a local trouble.

It is a disease of the blood, and hence the only

proper method of cure is to purify the blood. Its

proper success has been demonstrated by the

Catarrh that we confidently recommend it to all

sufferers with this repulsive complaint. In

Hood's Sarsaparilla

You will get full value for your money. It is

the only medicine of which 100 cents is worth

100 cents.

## TALKED OF IN THE FOYER.

Bernhardt's Seal of Approval Set on New York Costumers.

Preparing for a Great Ballet Display in "Cinderella."

Sarah will wear dresses made by a New

York costumer in her production of "La

Dame de Chantilly" at the Standard Theatre

the week after next. She is very charmed

with the garments, and says that she has

never worn anything better. She selected

them herself in her elaborate way, and

after starting the costume by her assistant,

she directed the French designer to make a

beginning to look up very conspicuously in the

theatrical world. The day has passed when

the "imported costume" can be invested

with any particular desirability. Lillian

Russell, Rose Coghlan and other of the best

dressed women on the stage wear by New

York dressmakers.

Talking of "La Dame de Chantilly," it has

been very nearly decided that the Standard

Theatre will be closed Nov. 30 for a dress re-

hearsal. The scenery, all new, is said to call

for this sacrifice, and Sarah herself is anxious

that there shall be no hitch in the perfor-

mance. This will be the first time that the

theatre will be closed for a dress re-

hearsal. The scenery, all new, is said to call

for